

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Excuse me, it's \$1 million a mile to construct interstate, \$1 million a mile. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Madam President, members, and Senator Kristensen, in Omaha it's \$10 million a mile, that's probably what it's like. That's how much the cost is. You're right, Senator Lynch, it is worth every nickel because that way I can get around there quick, get in and out of there quickly. But I rise to oppose Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment. I think we've heard some very good discussion on the...how wise and maybe how unwise it would be to take money from the Highway Trust Fund. I said it before, I'll say it again, basically this bill, you have to remember a few things. One, is that there was no new money in the State Department of Roads for state roads, because of 1059 it was debated thoroughly, not thoroughly, that's probably a matter of opinion, it was debated extensively all during that debate on where the money went, both in the Legislature and in the public discussion, and the bill eventually passed. But let's forget about the Department of Roads and the Highway Trust Fund for a second. Let's talk about the issue at hand, and that is extension of LB 89 and LB 91. Remember back in 1989 when this Legislature first looked at LB 89, and when the NSEA brought to the body a bill, I believe it was \$150 million bill, it would be \$150 million bill that their economists and they themselves said you can do this and it can be sustained without a tax increase. Without a tax increase we can do this forever without a tax increase. I stood up, I got beat over the head, I got called names. I still get called names, in parades, by teachers, fighting that bill. I never fought it. All I said was you can't afford to do that, there is no way to sustain that type of spending. I remember early in January that year I went out and said, maybe \$20 million is what you can afford, and even at that I questioned in the long-term whether you could afford that. They hooted and howled me out of the room. Eventually what happened was we did appropriate \$20 million. And what was said at the time, \$20 million once is better than \$20 million never. There is money for \$20 million now, let's take it. And those people stated to me, when the money runs out, we'll have to deal with it, but we want the money once, and that's what it's for. Last year we came in, I always supported funding at \$15 million. I wish we could